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SUMMARY: BIOGRAPHIC INFORMATION ON MINISTERS OF PORTUGAL'S SECOND
PROVISIONAL GOVERNMENT (REF A) FOLLOWS. END SUMMARY.

1. PRIME MINISTER: COL. VASCO DOS SANTOS GONCALVES
(REF B 1 AND 2).

2. MINISTER WITHOUT PORTFOLIO: MAJOR VITOR MANUEL
RODRIGUES ALVES-MFA MEMBER ON COUNCIL OF STATE, 39 YEARS OLD,
BEGAN MILITARY CAREER WHEN HE ENROLLED IN MILITARY
ACADEMY IN 1954. HE HAS SERVED IN MOZAMBIQUE (1958-1963) AND
ANGOLA (1963-1966, 1967-1970) WHERE, AMONG MEDALS ACCUMULATED,
WAS ONE FOR "SOCIO-ECONOMIC ACTIVITIES ON BEHALF OF AFRICAN
POPULATIONS." HIS MILITARY STUDIES INCLUDED COURSES IN COUNTER-
INSURGENCY AND COUNTER-SUBVERSION. HE REPORTEDLY
SPEAKS "FAIR" ENGLISH, SPEAKS HIS MIND AND WAS NOT
AFRAID TO SAY WHAT HE THOUGHT OF THE OLD REGIME EVEN
BEFORE APRIL 25. MAJOR ALVES RECENTLY TRAVELED TO
BRAZIL WITH JUNTA MEMBER GALVAO DE MELO, AND WAS
QUOTED BY THE PRESS THERE (BRASILIA 4584, PARA 3A)
AS REMARKING THAT "IF THE LEFT WINS THE ELECTION WHICH
WILL BE HELD WITHIN A YEAR, IT WILL MAKE NO DIFFERENCE
TO THE ARMED FORCES- WE WILL BE AN ARMY OF A COUNTRY
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TO THE LEFT." IN THE WEEK IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING THE COUP, MAJOR
ALVES SERVED AS ONE OF THE JUNTA'S TWO PRESS SPOKESMAN. HE HAS
SINCE SERVED AS UNOFFICIAL PRESS SPOKESMAN FOR THE COUNCIL OF
STATES AND, IN THAT ROLE, HAS DEFENDED THE RECENTLY ADOPTED
INTERIM DECREE-LAW ON THE MEDIA AND PRESS.

3. MINISTER WITHOUT PROTFOlio: MAJOR ERNESTOR MELO
ANTUNES-ALSO AN MFA MEMBER ON THE COUNCIL OF STATE.

BEGAN MILITARY CAREER IN 1953 AS STUDENT AT MILITARY ACADEMY. OVERSEAS SERVICE LIMITED TO ANGOLE 1963-1965, 1966-1968, AND 1971-1973). MILITARY STUDIES INCLUDED COURSE ON SUBVERSIVE WARFARE. KNOWN PAST POLITICAL ACTIVITIES LIMITED TO HAVING SOUGHT BUT BEEN DENIED PERMISSION BY HIS SUPERIORS TO BE A CANDIDATE IN 1969 FOR NATIONAL ASSEMBLY ON CDE SLATE IN THE AZORES, WHERE HIS WIFE WAS BORN. (AT THAT TIME, CDE WAS A BROAD-BASED GROUPING OF OPPOSITIONIST FORCES RANGING FROM CENTER TO COMMUNIST SEGMENTS OF SPECTRUM.) HE IS 41 YEARS OLD AND HAS REPUTATION OF BEING "LIBERAL" TO SOME, A "LEFTIST" OR "MARXIST" TO OTHERS. AMONG LATTER IS AZOREAN EX-DEPUTY MOTA AMARAL WHO CLAIMS CLOSE FRIENDSHIP AND WHO HAS IMPRESSION ANTUNES IS MEMBER OF PORTUGUESE SOCIALIST PARTY (PSP).

4. MINISTER WITHOUT PORTFOLIO: ALVARO CUNHAL-CARRYOVER, IN SAME POSITION, FROM FIRST CABINET (REF C).

5. MINISTER WITHOUT PORTFOLIO: JOAQUIM MAGALHAES MOTA-CARRYOVER FROM FIRST CABINET, WHERE HE SERVED AS MINISTER OF INTERNAL ADMINISTRATION (REF C).

6. MINISTER OF DEFENSE: LT. COL. MARIO FIRMINO MIGUEL -CARRYOVER, IN SAME POSITION, FROM FIRST CABINET (REF C.)

7. MINISTER OF INTERTERRITORIAL COORDINATION: DR. ANTONIO DE ALMEIDA SANTOS -CARRYOVER, IN SAME POSITION, FROM FIRST CABINET (REF C).

8. MINISTER OF INTERNAL ADMINISTRATION: LT. COL. MANUEL DA COSTA BRAS-MEMBER OF MFA, AT AGE 39 HE IS ONE OF THE YOUNGEST OFFICERS OF HIS RANK. MILITARY LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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CAREER BEGAN IN 1952 AT MILITARY ACADEMY. HAS SERVED OVERSEAS IN ANGOLA (1965, 1966-1968) AND GUINEA (MID-1970-END 1971.). DURING FIRST PROVISIONAL GOVERNMENT HE SERVED AS PRIME MINISTER PALMA CARLOS' MILITARY AIDE AND WAS NAMED TO ADMINISTRATIVE COMMISSION SET UP AT MILITARY'S INITIATIVE TO OVERSEE TELEVISION NETWORK ONCE MILITARY DECIDED THAT LEFT-LEANING TV PROGRAMMING NEEDED DRASTIC ACTION TO RESTORE BALANCE.

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9. MINISTER OF JUSTICE: FRANCISCO SALGADO ZENHA-CARRY-OVER, IN SAME POSITION, FROM FIRST CABINET (REF C).

10. MINISTER OF THE ECONOMY: DR. EMILIO RUI VILAR--WAS SECRETARY OF STATE FOR FOREIGN COMMERCE AND TOURISM IN FIRST CABINET. A LAW GRADUATE OF UNIVERSITY OF COIMBRA, HE WORKED FOR GOVERNMENT FROM 1966-1970 IN AREAS RELATING TO TRANSPORT, LATER PARTICIPATED IN VARIOUS UN CONFERENCES AND SERVED OCCASIONALLY AS CHIEF OF PORTUGUESE DELEGATION. SINCE 1970 HE HAS BEEN ACTIVE IN PRIVATE BANKING AND COMMERCE AND WAS A FOUNDER AND FIRST PRESIDENT OF LIBERAL, TECHNOCRATIC GROUP KNOWN AS SEDES, MANY OF WHOSE MEMBERS NOW IN CENTRIST PPD PARTY. HE IS 35 YEARS OLD AND DIVORCED, SPEAKS GOOD FRENCH AND RUDIMENTARY ENGLISH. DR. VILAR WAS INVITED TO VISIT US UNDER I.V. PROGRAM, BUT ASKED THAT INVITATION BE PUT ON BACK BURNER. HE WAS ACTIVE AT AVEIRO CONGRESS OF OPPOSITIONISTS IN 1973 PRIOR TO LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY ELECTIONS THAT YEAR. VILAR IS FRIEND AND ASSOCIATE OF PREVIOUS MINISTER OF ECONOMIC COORDINATION VIEIRA DE ALMEIDA.

11. MINISTER OF FINANCES: DR. JOSE DA SILVA LOPES-WAS SECRETARY OF STATE FOR FINANCES IN FIRST CABINET. HE IS 42 AND MARRIED. A GRDUATE IN ECONOMICS AND FINANCE, HE HAS SPECIALIZED IN THIS AREA AND SERVED ON PORTUGUESE DELEGATIONS NEGOTIATING PORTUGAL'S ADHEISON TO EFTA AND THE GATT AND ARRANGEMENTS WITH THE COMMON MARKET. HE HAS PARTICIPATED IN SOME ACTIVITES OF SEDES. HE SPEAKS GOOD ENGLISH. DR. LOPES WAS TO HAVE GONE TO THE US IN SEPTEMBER 1970 ON AN INTERNATIONAL VISITOR GRANT, LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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BUT WAS PREVENTED BY PRESS OF BUSINESS AT THE LAST MOMENT. CONSIDERED ONE OF PORTUGAL'S TOP ECONOMISTS.

12. MINISTER OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS: MARIO SOARES--CARRYOVER, IN SAME POSITION, FROM FIRST CABINET (REF C).

13. MINISTER OF PUBLIC SERVICES AND ENVIRONMENT: COL. JOSE AUGUSTO FERANDES--A MILITARY FIGURE WHO HAS NOT

REPEAT NOT BEEN ASSOCIATED WITH THE MFA. FERANDES IS 54 YEARS OLD, IS A CIVIL ENGINEER, AND HAS SPENT MOST OF HIS MILITARY CAREER IN DUTIES ASSOCIATED WITH RAILROADS. HE WAS IN GUINEA IN 1962-1963 AND IN ANGOLA IN 1969-1970. POLITICS UNKNOWN BUT CONSIDERED TO BE CENTRIST.

14. MINISTER OF EDUCATION AND CULTURE: DR. VITORINO MAGALHAES GODINHO--A DISTINGUISHED ECONOMIC HISTORIAN WHO HAS SPENT MUCH OF HIS PROFESSIONAL LIFE IN FRANCE, GODINHO IS 56 YEARS OLD AND COMES TO LISBON FROM 3 YEARS TEACHING AT THE UNIVERSITY OF CLERMONT-FERRAND. HE TAUGHT BRIEFLY IN PORTUGAL (COIMBRA) FROM 1960-1963, LOSING HIS POSITION THERE AS A RESULT OF HIS OPPOSITION TOWARD THE REGIME DURING THE UNIVERSITY DISTURBANCES OF 1962. BEFORE THAT (1947-1960) HE SERVED AS A RESEARCHER FOR THE CENTRE NACIONAL DE LA RECHERCHE SCIENTIFIQUE IN PARIS. ONE OBSERVER PREDICTS HE WON'T LAST MORE THAN TWO MONTHS IN NEW JOB, SINCE HE ALLEGEDLY LACKS FLEXIBILITY THAT CHAOTIC SITUATION IN EDUCATION MINISTRY REQUIRES. SOCIALIST, ALTHOUGH NOT MEMBER OF SOCIALIST PARTY.

15. MINISTER OF LABOR: CAPTAIN JOSE INACIO DE COSTA MARTINS-- AN AIR FORCE MEMBER OF THE MFA AND ONE OF ITS MEMBERS ON THE COUNCIL OF STATE. HIS OVERSEAS SERVICE IS LIMITED TO ANGOLA, WHERE HE WAS STATIONED (LUANDA) FROM 1965-1969. HE IS 36. EMBOFFS WHO HAVE MET HIM HAVE COME AWAY WITH THE IMPRESSION THAT HE IS BOTH SELF-CONFIDENT (EVEN COCKY) AND TOUGH. REPORTEDLY LAST MINUTE CHOICE OF LABOR JOB AFTER SPINOLA VETOED COMMUNIST FOR JOB. HE IS ONLY CPATAIN SINCE 1917 TO HOLD IMINISTERIAL-LEVEL JOB.

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16. MINISTER OF SOCIAL AFFARIS: DR. MARIA DE LURDES PINTASSILGO--WAS SECRETARY OF STATE OF CULTURE AND RESEARCH IN FIRST CABINET. PORTUGAL'S FIRST WOMAN CABINET MINISTER IS ABOUT 45, SINGLE, SPEAKS EXCELLENT ENGLISH, AND HAS BEEN ACTIVE FOR A NUMBER OF YEARS IN CATHOLIC AND WOMEN'S GROUPS. SHE IS WELL KNOWN BY AND DISPOSED TOWARDS THE EMBASSY, AND HAS BEEN A VALUABLE CONTACT IN THE PAST. SHE ALSO IS A PROFESSIONAL ENGINEER. IN 1971 AND 1972 SHE WAS A MEMBER OF PORTUGAL'S UN DELEGATION AND, FROM 1969-1974, WAS A MEMBER OF THE CORPORATE CHAMBER. CONSIDERED TO BE A POLITICAL CENTRIST.

17. MINISTER OF INFORMATION: MAJOR JOSE EDUARDO FERNANDES DE SANCHES OSORIO--A MEMBER OF THE MFA, WHO IS REPORTED TO BE VERY CLOSE TO SPINOLA, SANCHES OSORIO HAS BEEN

SERVING AS DIRECTOR GENERAL FOR INFORMATION AND WAS
THE JUNTA'S SECOND PRESS SPOKESMAN. HIS MILITARY SERVICE
ABROAD IS LIMITED TO ANGOLA (1967-1969). AT 33, HE IS
THE YOUNGEST MEMBER OF THE NEW CABINET. HE SPEAKS HALTING
ENGLISH, BETTER FRENCH. HIS ATTRACTIVE WIFE, WHO IS
DAUGHTER OF AN ADMIRAL, SPEAKS EXCELLENT ENGLISH. HE
WAS ONE OF THE PRINCIPAL PLANNERS OF THE APRIL 25 COUP
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